GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:228
ANSWERED ON:15.12.2008
ECONOMIC STATUS OF TRADITIONAL FISHERMEN
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted any study on the economic status of the traditional fishermen in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether such fishermen have the lowest per capita income in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the traditional fishermen are the only class of workers who are not entitled for wages if they fail to get any yield at the end of the day;

(f) whether the Government proposes to launch any scheme to ensure minimum period of wage days for fishermen;and

(g) if so,the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (g) OF THE LOK SABHA STARED QUESTION NO.228 TO BE ANSWERED ON 15 DECEMBER,2008.

(a)to(d) Though no comprehensive study at the national level has been undertaken,the Central Inland Fisheries Research Institute (CIFRI),Barrackpore and the Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI), Kochi have carried out need based and location specific studies on the socio- economic conditions of traditional fishermen engaged in capture fisheries.The studies have inter- alia revealed that among the active fishermen, the traditional fishermen operating no-mechanized crafts earn the lowest per capita income.

(e) Fishermen do not usually earn their income in the form of wages. Income of traditional fishermen are generally in the form of sharing of returns from the fish catch.

(f) No, Sir.

(g) Does not arise.